

MINUTES
CEDAR VALLEY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
Wednesday, February 18, 1998

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Brent Jones. He thanked those in attendance and recognized John Larsen and Lee Sim from the State office.

Chairman Jones then asked Secretary LaRee Garfield to read the Minutes of the 1997 meeting. He then called for a discussion of the Minutes. Carl Nelson moved for approval of the Minutes as read; Ted Nelson seconded; Minutes approved as read.

Chairman Jones then turned the time to Mr. Sim for the Financial Report. Mr. Sims stated that our balance dropped approximately \$640 this past year. The balance of distribution trust funds January 1, 1997, was \$10,241.19, and the balance as of December 31, 1997, was \$9,600.17. Our receipts from regular assessments were \$7,495.04, delinquent penalties, \$156.33, and annual interest earned, \$578.92, for total receipts of \$8,230.29. Expenditures for 1997 totaled \$8,871.31.

The 1997 Budget Expenditures were reviewed. We were within budget on all line items. The 1997 assessment was \$7,500.00, and we had \$117.69 left in the budget.

Mr. Sim discussed the delinquent accounts. Number 52 has been paid, and we have about \$260.00 outstanding. Delinquencies are not much of a problem, but a notice will be sent with the assessments this year. Chairman Jones called for any questions on the Financial Report. Alex Rollo moved for approval of the Financial Report; Sam Bauer seconded; motion carried. Chairman Jones will obtain the name of the new owner of #70A and send to the State.

Chairman Jones then turned the time to Mel Baldwin, Water Commissioner, for his report. He reported that 1997 was a better water year than 1996, but not as good as 1995. The summer of 1997 was quite dry, but the fall was very wet. Stream flow for 1997 was 22,329 acre feet, compared to 15,194 acre feet for 1996 and 53,606 acre feet for 1995. Coal Creek peaked at approximately 230 second feet on May 3, 1997.

Iron County has completed the buildings near our diversion gates. Access is a little more difficult, but should be all right.

Current inventory as of February 18, 1998 is as follows: (1) 1 IBM Electric Typewriter, SN: 6548935; (2) 1 H.P. Model 25 Calculator, SN: 1502A02235; and (3) 1 4-drawer File Cabinet.

Mr. Baldwin resigned as Water Commissioner and thanked everyone who had assisted him for the past eight years.

Chairman Jones called for any questions on the Commissioner's Report. Carolyn Howe moved for approval of the Report as printed; Carl Nelson seconded; Report approved as printed.

Chairman Jones then asked for a recommendation for Water Commissioner for 1998. Sam Bauer nominated Rue Gene Rollo; Gary Rollo seconded. Ted Nelson moved that nominations cease and that Rue Gene Rollo be approved by acclamation; Alex Rollo seconded; motion carried.

Chairman Jones then opened the discussion concerning the Budget for 1998. Gary asked about a computer program for compiling data for the Commissioner's Report. Mr. Baldwin said that he would sell the program he has been using for \$300.00, which is for a Mac computer. Mr. Sim said that we may have to rewrite the program for use on Mr. Rollo's IBM computer, but the new software could be purchased for \$150-\$200, and this expense could be taken out of Miscellaneous Expenses. Ted Nelson moved that we keep the budget the same as last year and that the 1998 assessment remain the same as 1997; Carolyn Howe seconded; motion carried.

Chairman Jones stated that it was necessary to elect three directors to serve for 1998. Rue Gene Rollo moved that we keep the same directors as we had last year, Paul Nelson, Bud Garfield and Tom Cardon; Alex Rollo seconded; motion carried.

Alex Rollo asked about fencing around the creek. Rue Gene said that he had talked to Iron County Commissioner Tom Cardon, and he stated that the County has no intention of fencing that area. Rue Gene said that we need to make sure that we have room to turn around down in that area as we do at the present time. Carl said that we should notify the City and the County Commission of our concern with people being around or near the ditch with the Visitor's Center being located there now. He further suggested that the area be posted to keep people out. Chairman Jones will get with the board and get that notification out.

Gary Rollo asked what is happening in Milford. Mr. Sim said that the aerial photography was done last year, and they were close, with 500 acres being over-irrigated out of 13,400 acres. Approximately that amount was not being irrigated, so they were pretty close. He also stated that it was found that over a ten year period, the water has dropped about 80 feet. Last year it dropped 3 feet, and the water is lower now than it was in 1983. When water is taken out and the soil compacts a little, it appears that the water is coming back up, but they are having to pump water lower to get the same amount of water. The entire Milford valley is being impacted. The water out there is probably over-appropriated, and they are using more water than the valley can sustain. If the aquifer continues to drop, there is only one choice, to regulate the water by the length of time the well has been in use, with the older wells having priority. They are taking about 15,000 acre feet more each year than is being replaced. For now, they are on hold, with the State watching and taking the over-irrigators to court. Mr. Sim also said that the State is concerned about the Beryl/Enterprise area, and they will begin to monitor that area this year. Sometime in the future, the State will look at what is happening in the Cedar valley and let the water users know what the status of their water rights are. Kerry Carpenter, the State Engineer in this area, said that last year they photographed the Milford and Beaver valleys, and Beaver is actually irrigating about 100 acres less than they were in the past. They hope to do this same thing in the Beryl/Enterprise area this year.

Sam Bauer said that last year, East Extension spent about \$3,500 to get the sand out of

their ditch, and he wondered if there was anything we could do about this problem. Chairman Jones asked if a headgate didn't get shut in time, and Mr. Bauer said that that was probably the case. Alex Rollo said that the irrigation companies should decide when they want the water turned out, and Chairman Jones said that they should just keep in touch with Rue Gene. Ted Nelson asked about a clean out for the sand and also the status of the Water Conservancy District. Kerry said that the Water Conservancy District is organized, and they have an office in the State building next door. Chairman Jones said that the Water Conservancy District will not have any funds until the end of the year. Ted then asked what the Water Conservancy District is supposed to do. Chairman Jones suggested that if individuals are interested, they should visit with the District and find out what their responsibilities are and let them know of any concerns they have. Kerry said that the projects of the District will be determined by what tax payers are willing to fund. He said the District has a meeting scheduled for April 7 at the City Office at 10:00 A.M. Ted commented that every person who owns water should be aware of what the District is doing and be actively involved with them. Pam Decuir said that the District is also meeting March 12 at the City Office concerning the operation of water systems. There may be some grant monies available for cities and water systems.

Rue Gene Rollo moved for adjournment; Alex Rollo seconded; Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.